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USDOE FOR BILLY HILL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TGEN, ENRG, US, UR
SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT (08.00): SCHEDULING OF
THIRD JCM

REF: STATE 119257

1. DURING JUNE 21 MEETING AT MINENERGO, MAL'TSEV
URGENTLY REQUESTED SCICOUNS TO ENSURE THAT DATES OF
THIRD JCM BE FIXED IN NEAREST FUTURE, NOTING THAT
MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY'S AUTUMN SCHEDULE IS RAPIDLY
FILLING. HE ADDED THAT MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY HAD BEEN
INVITED BY THE US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING IN
THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER OR THE FIRST WEEK OF
NOVEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ELECTION AS A FOREIGN
ASSOCIATE OF THE ACADEMY. MAL'TSEV SAID IT WOULD BE
EXTREMELY DESIRABLE TO HOLD THE THIRD JCM DURING THIS
TIME-FRAME.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE THE TIMING OF THE THIRD JCM IS OF
COURSE PRIMARILY DEPENDENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF USDOE
OFFICIALS, THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT A JCM IN LATE
OCTOBER EARLY NOVEMBER WOULD HAVE SOME TACTICAL
ADVANTAGE. THE SOVIETS ARE EVIDENTLY TRYING TO STALL
AS LONG AS POSSIBLE ON THE QUESTION OF ENERGY FORECASTING
AND INFORMATION. SETTING THE DATES OF THE JCM SHORTLY

BEFORE THE CUT-OFF POINT OF DECEMBER 28, 1978 FOR
RENEWAL OF THE ENERGY BILATERAL SHOULD PUT ADDITIONAL
PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE SOVIETS TO PRODUCE A REASONABLE
REPLY TO THE U.S. PROPOSALS ON ENERGY INFORMATION AND
FORECASTING. IF SCHEDULING THE JCM IN OCTOBER - NOVEMBER
IS POSSIBLE, WE SUGGEST THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY O'LEARY
NOTE IN HIS INVITATION LETTER TO NEPOROZHNIY THAT (1) THE
JCM WILL REVIEW PROGRESS MADE IN THE ENERGY FORECASTING
AND INFORMATION AREA CAREFULLY, AND (2) DISCUSSIONS OF
RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE ON THE JCM AGENDA.
END COMMENT. TOON

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